

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph bridging pages 10 and 11 (page 10, line 14 to page 11, line 1), with the following rewritten paragraph:

A1
The schematic operation of the information search/presentation system in Fig. 1 will be described next with reference to Fig. 5 to 7. First of all, a single area is photographed periodically, e.g., on a weekly basis, by using an airplane or satellite. In this case, such a photograph will be referred to as an aerial photograph. For example, aerial photographs taken by the Space Imaging's "IKONOS" satellite can be purchased at a cost of several thousand yen per kilometer square (monochrome). Since "IKONOS" can photograph the entire earth, a latest aerial photograph of the surface of the earth can be purchased on a weekly basis. Since accurate latitude/longitude information is attached to such an aerial photograph, a specific photographed ~~site~~ site can be accurately known.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 12 (lines 5-21), with the following rewritten paragraph:

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The stereo process performed by the 3D image converter 1 is an established technique, as disclosed in reference 1. The present invention may use some proper existing stereo process for the creation of 3D image data, and is not limited to any specific stereo process. In addition, in the present invention, the 3D image converter 1 is described as a constituting element for performing a stereo process, but will not be described in more detail. When the stereo process is performed, so-called landmarks such as a building and mountain are extracted. In the present invention, such data will be referred to as 3D image data 52. Since accurate position information about a reference point in an aerial photograph is attached to the photograph, position information about each landmark can be easily calculated from the distances from the reference points on the x- ~~an~~ and y-axes.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 12 and 13 (page 12, line 22 to page 13, line 12), with the following rewritten paragraph:

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A 3D stereoscopic expression 53 is created by using the 3D image data 52, as shown in Fig. 6, and presented to the user. In this case, a viewpoint position from which the user views is provided for the 3D stereoscopic expression 53. As the viewpoint position changes, as shown in Fig. 8A and 8B, a 3D stereoscopic expression 53' changes into a stereoscopic expression 53" viewed from a different position. If the viewpoint position is gradually and continuously moved, the 3D image changes from moment to moment as if the user were doing a sight-seeing flight. A technique of creating the 3D stereoscopic expression 53 from the 3D image data 52 has been established as disclosed in, for example, "Automatic generation of high resolution urban zone digital elevation models", ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry & Remote sensing, pp. 33 - 47, 1997 (reference 2). The present invention ~~only~~ uses such a 3D stereoscopic image creation technique.

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 23 (lines 9-20), with the following rewritten paragraph:

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According to the third embodiment, since all pieces of information indicating when and where each user has visited can be recorded, pieces of information indicating social trends, e.g., indicating what kinds of people gather at what kinds of places, can be totalized. For example, by acquiring all pieces of information, e.g., information indicating how many people went to see the cherry-trees at a point B when (x month, xx day) the cherry-trees were in full blossom and information indicating which places people went after seeing the cherry-trees at the point B, valuable marketing information can be acquired.